

## THROUGH THE HEAD.

A Well-Known and Popular Young Man Takes His Own Life.

## HIS RECKLESS ACT A SAD ONE.

He Leaves no Word to Indicate what Actuated Him, nor was He Known to have Ever Contemplated such a Step—A Shock to all who know Him when the News was Announced.

Yesterday morning about 7 o'clock Howard T. Carothers, a young man employed since January 1 as assistant book keeper at the wholesale dry goods establishment of L. S. Delaplane & Co., took his own life by shooting himself through the head. The deadly shot was fired in a room in the building in which the store is situated, where young Carothers had slept the night before with Mr. Fred Sturgeon, another employee of the establishment.

The news of the suicide was received with general horror yesterday forenoon by all who knew Howard. So far as is known he had never expressed a thought that could suggest to anybody that he might contemplate suicide. After his death search was made in his effects and in the room where he died, but not a scrap of writing could be found which threw any light on his act. Young Carothers was met on the street by Mr. Sturgeon between 10 and 11 o'clock Wednesday night, and he advised him to go home and go to bed. This Howard refused to do, but when his friend asked him to go to the store where they were both employed and sleep with him in a room on the third floor of the building, he consented. The two men went to the store and sat and talked for some length of time. Howard appeared to be as cheerful as his was wont. About 11 o'clock the two retired to bed.

Yesterday morning Mr. Sturgeon got up about seven o'clock, calling to Howard as he did so. Howard waked and turned over. Sturgeon went downstairs, and shortly looking up at the clock saw that it was nearly seven o'clock, and thinking that it was time for Howard to get up and go home to his breakfast, so that he might be back in time to go to work promptly at half past seven, he rang the electric bell to call him. The sound of the bell had scarcely died away till he heard the sound of a revolver and then a fall. He thought at once that Howard had killed himself, and running up to the room, found the young man lying face down on the floor with a wound in the right side of his head.

Mr. Sturgeon rushed up street to get a doctor, and when he returned two of the other employees had arrived. He sent them up to the room and then telephoned for another doctor, and pretty soon Drs. Baird and Reed both arrived. They found that life was not quite extinct, but in a few minutes the young man breathed his last.

Coroner Phillips was soon summoned and made an examination of the body and took the testimony of the witnesses. From their testimony the above facts are taken.

The body was taken to Mendel's undertaking establishment and prepared for burial. Howard was a member of Wheeling Council of the Royal Arcanum, and his life was insured in that order for \$3,000, payable to his mother. He was of a quiet, sometimes melancholy disposition, and it is thought he was taken with an attack of melancholia and determined to end his life. He was well liked by those who knew him well, was an intelligent and willing young man, and would have been a useful and promising man. He was a son of the late W. H. Carothers, and his mother lives on Fourteenth street. The family have the heartfelt sympathy of all who know them in the peculiarly sad affliction.

## A SELF-CONFESED BURGLAR.

Arrested Yesterday Evening—An Old Offender.

Night before last burglars attempted to gain an entrance into Serig's grocery, on North Main street, by prying open the door with a jimmy, but there happened to be two boards leaning against the door and in their operations the thieves knocked them down, and the noise thus made frightened them off and they left without accomplishing their purpose.

The fellow who attempted to break into the house has been captured. Officer Sealy had obtained the description of a man who had been seen loitering around Serig's house, and was walking along Main street yesterday evening about 8 o'clock, in company with Officer Fahy. They saw a fellow answering the description and both nailed him. On the way to the lockup the man wilted, acknowledged having attempted to break into Serig's, confessed to having stolen a pair of gloves on the South Side and owned up to having served a year's workhouse sentence in Pittsburgh for stealing a horse. He was so glib with his confidences that some of the police think he is crazy. A cold chisel about a foot long was found on his person. He gave his name as Thomas Stikles.

## RAVAGES OF THE GRIP.

Ritchie county suffering an Epidemic—A Good Man Dying.

The ravages of la grippe have been peculiarly and remarkably extensive in Ritchie county, this state. The deaths of Hon. R. S. Blair and his wife, within one day of each other, at Harrisville, caused a shock to that community. Ordinarily the county seat has no more than two or three deaths in a year. Under the ravages of influenza it has had a dozen within a fortnight. Mr. Blair was a prominent citizen of the county in all that the expression implies. His wife was the daughter of the late Gen. A. S. Core, and a lady of great strength of character.

There is a disposition in that county to consider the disease epidemic, or, at least, contagious. Another of the best known and universally respected citizens of Ritchie county is lying at the point of death—indeed may even be dead—and his illness dates from the funeral of Mr. and Mrs. Blair. He is Rev. Samuel Boninus Dawson, of Ellonboro. Mr. Dawson is not unknown in Wheeling. He was pastor of the Fourth Street M. E. church and of the Chapline street church. It was during his pastorate at the latter place that he suffered from a long illness which brought him near death and rendered him physically unfit longer to continue the life of a minister.

After giving up active work in the ministry Mr. Dawson retired to Ellonboro, where he has been engaged in farming for some years. He was a member of the first two legislatures of the state, and as a member of the committee on education had much to do with

framing the present free school law. He was collector of internal revenue of the Second district for two or three years, president judge of the county court and had occupied other offices of honor.

One of his sons, C. T. Dawson, was formerly engaged in newspaper work in Wheeling, and is now telegraph editor of the Pittsburgh Post.

## LOCAL BREVITIES.

Matters of Minor Moment in and About the City.

SKATING on the back river is excellent. OPERA HOUSE this evening—Lecture by Mrs. Dr. Potts.

LECTURE to women only at the Opera House this afternoon.

STILL there is no glass in the gas light at the east end of Thirteenth street.

LAST night the City Hall clock suffered an eclipse. The light was not in it at all.

A PRIVATE dance was given last night by the Friendship social at Moran's hall. Neuhardt played.

A MARRIAGE license was yesterday issued to Jacob Glatz, aged twenty-five, and Emma Smith, aged nineteen, both of Ohio county.

OFFICER SHANLEY last evening arrested a woman and brought her to the headquarters in the wagon. She was too drunk to tell her name.

MARGARET A. DAVIS was yesterday appointed administrator of the estate of William H. Davis, deceased, and gave bond in the sum of \$300, with Alex T. Young as surety.

The Silver Cliff Co. is loading a barge for the Columet Company, at the Toronto wharf with fire proofing, for shipment to Morgantown, W. Va.—New Cumberland Independent.

The Pioneer Verein will install its newly elected officers on Wednesday, February 10. A ball and supper will be given at Arion hall, and the Opera House orchestra will play.

At the regular meeting of the B. P. O. Elks last night two candidates rode the goat. Mr. John A. Howard, the prosecuting attorney of Ohio county, and Joseph A. Henderson, auditor of Belmont county, Ohio, were the two.

YESTERDAY afternoon the ladies interested in the success of the new City Hospital, were again engaged in sewing and preparing the bedding and outfit for the hospital. There are from thirty to forty of the ladies at work at the hospital every day.

YESTERDAY morning early there was a bad racket at the Mark Twain saloon and one of the proprietors, named O'perman, was cut in the arm. Three men were in it, Sidney Larue, Bandy Johnson and Teddy Finn. The police arrested Larue yesterday afternoon.

OFFICER JOHN CRUER has resigned his position on the police force and has bought the saloon of Fred Wilbur, on the South Side. James Fitzgerald, lately appointed an extraman, takes his place on the regular force, and Joseph Fahy has been appointed extraman.

THE MOUNT, the magazine of the pupils at Mt. de Chantal, has made its appearance for January, and is an unusually interesting number. The editors congratulate the inhabitants of the Mount, with good reason, that so far the grip has passed them by on the other side.

THERE is a great deal of comment on an uncomplimentary character on the delay in the completion for service of the new Vigilant engine house. It should have been ready for occupancy several weeks ago, but so far it seems to be no nearer completion than it was a month ago.

THE big "Hub" candle flickered its last yesterday evening at fifteen minutes and one second after 9 o'clock. The candle was lighted at five minutes after 7 p. m. on January 4, and consequently burned twenty-four days, two hours, ten minutes and one second, a total of 578 hours.

WEDNESDAY, U. S. Deputy Marshal Dennis Meighen, of W. Va., took James Garrison, of Franklin township, in charge, and took him to Parkersburg for a hearing before the U. S. Court, where he is charged with selling liquor without a government license. Garrison is quite aged and regarded as feeble-minded. The same officer took "Bub" Bradford last week on the same charge. Bradford was tried, convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for 30 days.—Waynesburg, Pa., Messenger.

## ABOUT PEOPLE.

Strangers in the City and Wheeling Folks Abroad.

L. W. Morgan, of Mannington, is at the Stamm.

J. E. Tausig and bride are at the McLure house.

Part of the Teresa Newcomb company is at the Behler.

A. P. Anderson, of Weston, was at the St. Charles yesterday.

Miss Lattie Hicks, of Mountsville, is the guest of Wheeling friends.

Mr. and Mrs. U. T. Alloy and G. Barnett, of Cameron, are at the Behler.

The Misses Jennie M. Quinn, of Janesville, Wis., and Ella McKone, of Piedmont, W. Va., are at the Windsor.

W. E. Spragg and Miss Clara Spragg, of Waynesburg, Pa., are visiting their brother, City Health Officer S. L. S. Spragg.

Capt. Gregory Barrett, U. S. A., formerly of the United States recruiting station here, now at Columbus, is at the McLure house.

Prof. J. M. Jones, of Lincoln school, is entertaining at his home on Vermont street, Island, his brother-in-law, Mr. Harrison, of St. Paul, Minn.

Rev. Hentshine, of Bridgeport, leaves to-day for Calumet, Ohio, to be present next Sunday at the jubilee of the A. M. E. church of that place, on account of the payment of their debt.

Charles W. Barlick, of New Martinsville; H. H. Mercer, of Sistersville; S. C. Denham and Ira J. Smith, of Clarksburg, and D. Abersold, of Proctor, are among the West Virginians registered at the Behler.

Invitations are out announcing the wedding of Mr. John H. Benner and Miss Anna M. Stuver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Stuver, at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Wednesday, February 3, at 4 o'clock p. m. A reception will follow at the bride's home, No. 641 Main street.

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## A. O. U. W. BANQUET.

A Conference. Last Night, followed by an Impromptu Feast.

One of the pleasantest occasions in the history of the Wheeling members of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, was the special convocation held yesterday evening. The lodges in this city have been eager for a visit from the grand lodge officers of the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, which includes the state of West Virginia. There was an idea among the general public that the business to be transacted was the consideration of the feasibility of erecting a separate jurisdiction for the state of West Virginia, but as the moment for such an innovation was considered to have not yet arrived, nothing was done last night about the matter. The chief business transacted was the raising of all the ex-grand master workmen of the Wheeling lodges to the degree of past grand master workmen. There were about sixty-five of them, and the ceremonies were conducted in the hall of Welcome, in McLain's building. Grand Master Workman Gordon and Past Grand Master Workman Ford conducted the ceremonies.

At half past eleven o'clock the assembly adjourned across the street to the McLure House to partake of the elegant banquet provided by the lodges of Wheeling and that of Benwood. The handsome dining room of the McLure House was the scene, for the next two hours and a half, of a jovial social time. One long table extended along the centre of the room, at which the forty-five guests seated themselves. The following menu was discussed.

Menu Points on Half Snell.  
Fried Potatoes. Celery.  
Long Branch Potatoes.  
Broiled Quail on Toast, a la Maitre d'Hotel.  
Chicken Salad. Spanish Olives.  
Mashed Potatoes. Currant Jelly.  
French Potatoes.  
Benedictine Sauce.  
Stuffed Turkey, Cranberry Sauce.  
Roast Pheasant. Brown Sweet Potatoes.  
Sweet Breads, Larded, a la Financiere.  
Sardines on Toast.  
Shrimp Salad. Saddle of Venison, with Jelly.  
Metropolitan Cream. Assorted Cakes.  
Mixed Nuts. Fruit.  
Chocolate. French Coffee.  
Crackers. Edam Cheese.

When coffee was brought on the table Past Master Workman McCluskey arose and proposed as a toast "The A. O. U. W." Rev. B. A. Bonheim responded, in a felicitous speech of an appropriate character.

At the conclusion of the banquet all repaired to the parlor, where almost an hour was spent in social converse. The famous A. O. U. W. singers, Messrs. Sherratt, Clomans, Robert V. Arkie, Charles Zukant and Harry Stewart entertained the brethren with some choice vocal selections.

The evening was, indeed, pleasantly spent, and the guests of honor were much pleased with their reception and treatment. The service at the banquet was excellent, and Messrs. McLure & Stamm added to their reputation as caterers.

## AT THE ARION.

An Enjoyable Kaffeevisite Last Evening. Entertainments to Come there.

Last evening the ladies of the Arion society gave a kaffeevisite, which was the most largely attended in the history of the society. In connection with it was given a hansenpfeffer supper, which those who partook of it pronounced the best they ever tasted. All evening the tables were crowded.

On the night of February 22 the Arion will give a banquet in celebration of Washington's birthday. There will be speeches on the country, the army, the navy, and everything else which is appropriate on a patriotic holiday. In addition to its patriotic significance the banquet will be in observance of the tenth anniversary of the formation of the Arion.

On February 3 the Opera House orchestra will give at the Arion the annual promenade concert and ball. The music on this occasion will be by the full orchestra of eighteen pieces. These occasions are always enjoyable, and this will be no exception to the general rule.

The children are still rehearsing regularly for the masquerade to be given February 5, which bids fair to be the most memorable similar entertainment ever given in Wheeling.

The committees in charge of last night's entertainment was composed of the ladies named below: Mesdames E. Schaubra, W. Huebel, John Flading, Franz Laupp, A. Schneider, L. Laue, B. Buch, P. Bonenberger, Jr., Misses Emilie Leonhart, Emilie Vieweg, Emma Breidenstein and Maggie Campbell.

## NOTES ON NAVIGATION.

Stage of Water and Movements of Boats, The River Interest.

The river was stationary yesterday, with 6 feet 9 inches.

The reports from above were:

Warren—9½ inches; cloudy and cold.

Morgantown—River closed; weather cloudy.

Brownsville—5 feet and stationary; cloudy.

The Scotia passed up for Pittsburgh yesterday at 10 a. m.

The Scotia will pass down for Cincinnati at 8 a. m. to-morrow.

The Courier is laid up at Marietta and the Ben Hur at Parkersburg on account of ice.

The Congo will leave for Pittsburgh at 9 a. m. to-day. She has 400 tons of sugar and molasses aboard.

The steamer Hudson got away for Cincinnati at noon yesterday. The Liberty was in and out on time in the Clarington trade.

## W. &amp; L. E. TRAINS.

On Monday, February 1, the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway company will commence running regular passenger trains between Wheeling and Steubenville. The following will be the present schedule for the arrival and departure of trains from Wheeling, Central Standard Time:

LEAVE  
Wheeling..... 8:45 a. m.  
Wheeling..... 12:25 p. m.  
Steubenville..... 5:45 a. m.  
Steubenville..... 12:30 p. m.  
Steubenville..... 4:00 p. m.  
Wheeling..... 8:15 a. m.  
Wheeling..... 12:15 p. m.  
Cleveland..... 1:15 a. m.  
Cleveland..... 11:15 a. m.  
Cleveland..... 5:30 p. m.

All trains arrive and depart from the Wheeling Bridge & Terminal company's depot at Wheeling.

On Sunday the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway company will commence the handling of local and through freight to all points with which they have working arrangements.

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## AT A RIPE AGE.

Mrs. Catherine A. Dean Passes Peacefully Away—A Pioneer of This Section.

Yesterday Mrs. Catherine A. Dean died at her residence on Twenty-fifth street at the ripe age of eighty-eight years. The funeral will take place Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Dean was the widow of the late Joseph A. Dean, who died several years ago. She was born in 1804 in Morristown, N. J., and in 1803 her parents removed to what was then the western frontier, Greene county, Pa. Early in the forties, she came to Wheeling, and had resided here continuously ever since. She was one of the oldest members of the Chapline street M. E. church and had been a member of that denomination for seventy-three years. Her parents' name was Coleman. She bore her husband seven children, of whom two are still living, Mrs. W. K. Elson and Mrs. F. McCormick. She was universally respected, and beloved by those who knew her best, and her relatives will have the sympathy of all in their bereavement.

## Miss Minnie Loring Dead.

A telephone message was received from Elm Grove shortly after 2 o'clock this morning saying that Miss Minnie P. Loring, daughter of Major Alonzo Loring, whose grave illness was mentioned in the INTELLIGENCER yesterday, had died at 2 a. m. Although her condition was pronounced hopeless hours before she breathed her last, her many friends hoped against hope, and her death will cast a gloom over the social circles in which she moved, and be a severe blow to her immediate friends.

## A Prominent Woman Dead.

Mrs. Mary R. Paull died yesterday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Richard McKinley, at Wayne, near Philadelphia, Pa. She was the widow of the late Rev. Alfred Paull, and the daughter of Rev. Dr. R. H. Wood. She had many relatives and friends in this section, who will be sorry to hear of her death.

## INDIANA REPUBLICANS.

A Harmonious Conference—President Harrison's Name Applauded.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Jan. 28.—A conference of about 100 Republican leaders from all over the state was held in the Denison parlors to-day, at which the Hon. Stanton J. Heale presided and Colonel Wilkins acted as secretary. At this conference short speeches were made, the general drift of which was that the party was in splendid condition and prospects for success were good. But once during the speeches was President Harrison's name mentioned, and then it was received with liberal applause.

There seemed to be a general understanding that no reference should be made to the recent exciting contests of the district conventions and none were made. The conference and the committee were both composed largely of those who favor the renomination of President Harrison. No resolutions were adopted by either body.

## Latest Garza Rumor.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., Jan. 28.—An unconfirmed telegram was received here to-day from Eagle Pass, stating that Garza is now thought to be in Mexico with an army of 4,000 men, which force is being rapidly increased. It was further stated that Garza contemplated an attack on the town of Las Vegas, opposite Del Rio. This news is discredited and the revolutionist chief is believed to be still dodging about in the bush on the Texas side of the lower Rio Grande.

## Steamship News.

LONDON, Jan. 28.—Sighted—City of Berlin, Columbia, Michigan and New York.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 28.—Arrived—Lord Clive and Liverpool.

QUEENSTOWN, Jan. 28.—Arrived—Circassian and Baltimore.

## Hungarian Election.

PESTH, Jan. 28.—Up to midnight 173 Liberals, 46 Nationals, 49 Independents, 6 Ugronites and 3 Neutrals were known to be elected.

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## DIED.

WILLS—On Wednesday, January 27, 1892, at 2 a. m. Ada M., only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wills, in the 7th year of her age.

Funeral services at the residence of parents, 1209 Market street, Friday morning at 10 o'clock. Interment at Peninsula Cemetery. Private.

DEAN—On Thursday, January 28, 1892, CATHERINE A. DEAN, relict of the late Joseph A. Dean, aged 88 years.

Funeral notice hereafter. Please omit flowers.

CAROTHERS—On Thursday morning, January 28, 1892, HOWARD T. CAROTHERS, in the 25th year of his age.

Funeral notice hereafter.

LUCKEL—On Thursday evening, January 28, 1892, at 7:15 o'clock, LUDWIG C. LUCKEL, in his 70th year.

Funeral notice hereafter.

FRIDSE—On Friday morning, January 29, 1892, at 1 o'clock, ANNE M., wife of C. F. Frise, in the 2nd year of her age.

Funeral notice hereafter.

PAULL—At Wayne, Pa., on Thursday afternoon, January 28, 1892, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Richard McKinley, MARY R., widow of the late Rev. Alfred Paull, and daughter of the late Dr. R. H. Wood, D. D.

Funeral notice hereafter.

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